

Amendments to the Claims

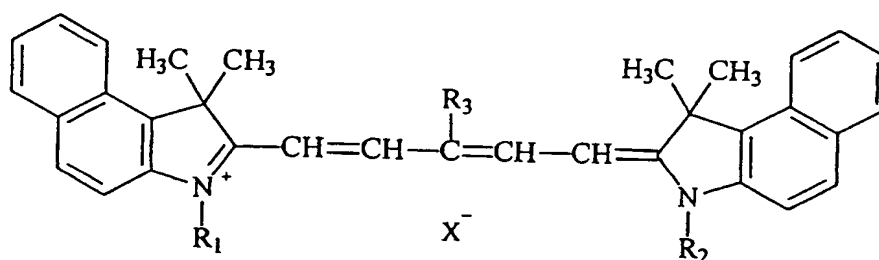
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-12 (Cancelled).

13. (Currently Amended) An optical recording medium for improved accurate high-speed writing, comprising a cyanine dye with a solubility of over 12 mg/ml in 2,2,3,3-tetrafluoro-1-propanol (TFP) said optical recording medium having a reflection factor of 65% or more, said cyanine dye being represented by Formula 1:

Formula 1:



wherein Formula 1, R₁ denotes a methyl or ethyl group; R₂ differs from R₁ and denotes a straight- or branched-chain alkyl group, with the proviso that R₂ does not include CH₃, C₂H₅ and straight-chain alkyl groups of C₃H₇, C₅H₇ and C₅H₁₁; R₃ is a hydrogen atom or a substituent selected from the group

consisting of halogens and lower-alkyl groups; and X^- denotes an inorganic ion ~~comprising fluorine and either phosphorous or antimony~~, with the proviso that X^- does not include I^- , Br^- , Cl^- , ClO_4^- , BF_4^- and SbF_6^- , when R_3 is hydrogen.

Claim 14. (Cancelled)

15. (Previously Presented) The optical recording medium of claim 13, which is sensitive to a laser beam with a wavelength of around 780 nm.

16. (Previously Presented) The optical recording medium of claim 13, which records information using a laser beam with a wavelength of around 780 nm.